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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Gardensheds, Inc.,

Plaintiff,

CIVIL ACTION No. 18-

V.

Hillbrook Collections, LLC; Amos Stoltzfus, Alison Carabasi, and Nellie Ahl

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Defendants.

COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, Gardensheds, Inc. ("Gardensheds"), brings this Complaint for copyright infringement and unfair competition against defendants, Hillbrook Collections, LLC; Amos Stoltzfus, Alison Carabasi, and Nellie Ahl (collectively "Defendants"). Gardensheds alleges as follows:

THE PARTIES

- 1. Gardensheds is a New Jersey corporation with a place of business at 1729 Linvale Harbourton Road, Lambertville, NJ 08530.
- 2. On information and belief defendant Hillbrook Collections, LLC is a Pennsylvania limited liability company with a place of business at 419 Hillbrook Road, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010 ("Hillbrook").
- 3. On information and belief, defendant Amos Stoltzfus is a Pennsylvania resident with a place of business at 126 North Groffdale Road, New Holland, PA 17557 ("Stoltzfus").
- 4. On information and belief, defendant Alison Carabasi is a principal of Hillbrook and a Pennsylvania resident with an address of 16 Dupont Road, Coatesville, PA 19320

("Carabasi"). Carabasi is the daughter of Defendant Ahl.

5. On information and belief, defendant Nellie Ahl is a Pennsylvania resident with and address of 651 Millcross Road, Lancaster, PA 17601-5503 ("Ahl").

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 6. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 because the action arises under the laws of the United States, and under 28 U.S.C. § 1338(a) because it arises under the Copyright Statute, 17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq. This Court has jurisdiction over the unfair competition claim pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1338(b).
- 7. Venue is proper in this jurisdiction district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(1) because at least one of the Defendants resides in this judicial district and all Defendants are residents of Pennsylvania.
- 8. Venue is proper in this jurisdiction district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2) because the harm caused by plaintiff has been suffered in this district, and because the infringing products are available for sale in this district.
- 9. Defendants, and each of them, transact business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- 10. Defendants ship products (including products that infringe Gardensheds's copyrights) into Pennsylvania, including into this judicial district.
- 11. Defendants realize pecuniary gain by their sales of products (including products that infringe Gardensheds's copyrights) in this judicial district.

BACKGROUND FACTS

12. In January, 2007 Plaintiff Gardensheds purchased the assets of Gardensheds, Inc., a Pennsylvania corporation (hereinafter "Gardensheds – PA"), from President and Shareholder

Ahl. Plaintiff Gardensheds acquired all copyrights and other intellectual property by means of this acquisition.

13. Ahl assigned the following U.S. copyright registrations to Gardensheds, and Gardensheds is now the sole owner of these rights. Information concerning each copyright is attached as Exhibit A; a copy of the assignment of rights to Plaintiff is attached as Exhibit B.

Title of Registered Work	Registration No.	Effective Date of Registration	
Gardensheds	VAu 557-056	December 31, 2001	
Design A	VAu 321-753	July 15, 1994	
Design B	VAu 321-752	July 15, 1994	
Design C	VAu 321-751	July 15, 1994	
Design D	VAu 321-750	July 15, 1994	
Design E (Potting Shed)	VA 1-166-516	December 31, 2001	
Design F (Greenhouse)	VA 1-166-515	December 31, 2001	
Design G (Williamsburg)	VA 1-166-514	December 31, 2001	
Design A	VAu 559-512	September 10, 2002	
Design B	VAu 559-511	September 10, 2002	
Design C	VAu 559-510	September 10, 2002	
Design D	VAu 587-249	September 10, 2002	
Design E (Potting Shed)	VA 1-163-207	September 10, 2002	
Design F (Greenhouse)	VA 1-163-206	September 10, 2002	
Design G (Williamsburg) -	VA 1-163-205	September 10, 2002	
Design H (Gardenbell)	VAu 589-846	January 27, 2003	

These works shall be referred to collectively as the "Copyrighted Works."

- 14. In or about 2013, Carabasi revived the garden house business of her mother,
 Defendant Ahl. See Dovecote Décor article dated November 18, 2013, "Hillbrook Collections
 Bespoke Garden Houses Delivered to Your Home," attached hereto as Exhibit C.
- 15. Carabasi and Hillbrook began selling a garden house design called "The Sara," which is a copy of Gardensheds' Gardenbell Design, subject of U.S. Copyright Registration VAu 589,846 (hereinafter "Gardenbell"). Orders may still be placed for the infringing "The Sara" design on Hillbrook's website. See Exhibit D.

- 16. Hillbrook uses "The Sara" to advertise and promote its business through various social media channels, including, but not limited to Pinterest, Instagram, Houzz, The Scout, and various design and garden blogs. For example, an image of "The Sara" serves as Hillbook's Facebook profile picture. See Exhibit E, downloaded on May 17, 2018.
- 17. Hillbrook has promoted "The Sara" in *House Beautiful* (Exhibit F) and *Virginia House and Garden* (Exhibit G).
- 18. On information and belief, Defendant Stoltzfus manufactures "The Sara" for Hillbrook and Carabasi.
- 19. On information and belief, Ahl supplied the design for "The Sara" to Carabasi and Hillbrook.
- 20. On information and belief, Ahl collaborates with Carabasi and Hillbrook in designing garden houses for sale.

COUNT ONE - COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT

- 21. Gardensheds repeats and incorporates the averments of the preceding paragraphs of the Complaint as though the same were fully set forth herein.
- 22. The Copyright Registration for Gardensheds' "Gardenbell" architectural work is valid and subsisting.
- 23. The "Gardenbell" is an original work of authorship, fixed in a tangible medium of expression from which it can be perceived, reproduced, or otherwise communicated.
 - 24. Defendants had access to the "Gardenbell" copyrighted work.
- 25. Defendants have reproduced and distributed, and, on information and belief, continue to reproduce and distribute, products incorporating the "Gardenbell", or substantially similar copies of the "Gardenbell".

- 26. On information and belief, products copying the "Gardenbell" have been distributed by Defendants.
- 27. Defendants have infringed Gardensheds' copyrights by reproducing the "Gardenbell", by preparing derivative works, and by distributing copies without license, permission or privilege to do so.
- 28. Defendants' copying and distribution of the "Gardenbell" copyrighted work is willful and deliberate.
- 29. Defendants' infringement of the "Gardenbell" copyrighted work has caused and will continue to cause harm to Gardensheds.
- 30. Defendants' copyright infringement and the threat of continuing and future infringement have caused, and will continue to cause, repeated and irreparable injuries to Gardensheds.
- 31. Gardensheds' remedies at law are not adequate to compensate for the injuries caused by Defendants' infringements. Therefore, Gardensheds requires an injunction prohibiting Defendants, their agents, employees, and other persons acting in conspiracy, concert or participation with Defendant from infringing, in any manner, Gardensheds's Copyrighted Works, and from inducing, aiding, causing, or contributing to such infringements by others, in violation of 17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq.
- 32. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' infringement of Gardensheds's copyrights, Gardensheds has also suffered certain monetary damages, in an amount yet to be determined.
- 33. Gardensheds is entitled to recover from Defendants such actual damages as it can prove and all of Defendants' profits gained by infringement, in accordance with 17 U.S.C.

§ 504(b).

34. Gardensheds is alternatively entitled to statutory damages in the amount of \$150,000 for each Copyrighted Work Defendants have infringed, in accordance with 17 U.S.C. § 504(c).

COUNT TWO - FEDERAL UNFAIR COMPETITION (Defendants Hillbrook and Carabasi)

- 35. Gardensheds repeats and incorporates the averments of the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as though the same were fully set forth herein.
- 36. By offering for sale products that copy Gardensheds' proprietary "Gardenbell" design under the name of Hillbrook Collections, Hillbrook and Carabasi are likely causing confusion, mistake, or deception as to the affiliation, connection, or association between Gardensheds and Defendants Hillbrook and Carabasi, and are also likely to cause confusion, mistake, or deception as to the origin, sponsorship, or approval of the products sold by Hillbrook and Carabasi.
- 37. By using the infringing design "The Sara" to promote Hillbrook's brand and products, Hillbrook and Carabasi are likely causing confusion, mistake, or deception as to the affiliation, connection, or association between Gardensheds and Defendants Hillbrook and Carabasi, and are also likely to cause confusion, mistake, or deception as to the origin, sponsorship, or approval of the products sold by Hillbrook and Carabasi.
- 38. Defendants' conduct constitutes false designation of origin in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1025(a).
- 39. Defendants' willful and wrongful conduct has proximately caused and will continue to cause Gardensheds substantial injury to its reputation and goodwill and diminution of the value of its business. The amount of damage sustained by Gardensheds has not yet been

determined.

DAMAGES AND RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Gardensheds prays for relief as follows:

- A. That Hillbrook, its officers, directors, shareholders, principals, agents, servants, employees, attorneys and related companies, Carabasi, Ahl, and Stoltzfus, and all persons in active concert or participation with one or more of them, be preliminarily and permanently enjoined and restrained from using Gardensheds's Copyrighted Works, including the "Gardenbell" design, as well as any works substantially similar thereto.
- B. That this Court award Gardensheds damages adequate to compensate it for Defendants' acts of copyright infringement and unfair competition.
- C. That Gardensheds be awarded statutory damages, or its actual damages and lost profits.
- D. That Defendants be required to account for any profits attributable to their infringing acts.
- E. That Gardensheds be awarded the greater of three times Defendants' profits or three times any damages sustained by Gardensheds and prejudgment interest.
- F. That all products bearing Gardensheds's Copyrighted Works in Defendants' possession, custody or control be delivered up by Defendants to Gardensheds.

- G. That Defendants be required to pay Gardensheds's costs of this action together with reasonable attorneys' fees and disbursements.
- H. That Gardensheds be awarded such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 38, Plaintiff Gardensheds hereby demands a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

Date: May 17, 2018

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Exhibit A

ASSIGNMENT OF COPYRIGHTS AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

THIS ASSIGNMENT OF COPYRIGHTS AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY(this "Assignment") is dated the 'S' day of January, 2007 by and between Gardensheds, Inc., a New Jersey corporation ("Assignee") and Gardensheds, Inc., a Pennsylvania corporation ("Assigner").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Assignor has secured certain copyrights as detailed on Schedule "A" attached hereto and made part hereof ("Copyrights"); and

WHEREAS, Assignor desires to assign all of the Copyrights and all other intellectual property rights of Assignor to Assignee.

NOW, THEREFORE, for one (\$1.00) dollar and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby expressly acknowledged, the parties hereby agree as follows:

- 1. ASSIGNMENT. Assignor hereby assigns to Assignee, effective the date hereof (the "Effective Date") all right, title and interest in and to the Copyrights set forth on Schedule 1(c) attached hereto and made a part hereof, together with all other related intellectual property rights of Assignor and the registrations therefor throughout the United States, together with the goodwill of the business in connection with which the said copyrights and intellectual property rights are used and which are symbolized by the said copyrights, along with the right to recover for damages and profits for past infringements thereof.
- 2. Assignor agrees to execute and deliver at the request of the assignee, all papers, instruments and assignments, and to perform any other reasonable acts the Assignee may require in order to vest all right, title, and interest in and to the said copyrights in the Assignee and/or to provide evidence to support any of the foregoing in the event such evidence is deemed necessary by the Assignee.
- 3. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Assignment embodies the entire agreement of the Assignor and Assignee with respect to the subject matter of this Assignment, and it supersedes any prior agreements, whether written or oral, with respect to the subject matter of this Assignment. There are no agreements or understandings which are not set forth in this Assignment. This Assignment may be modified only by a written instrument duly executed by Assignor and Assignee.
- 4. BINDING EFFECT. The terms and provisions of this Assignment will inure to the benefit of, and will be binding upon, the successors, assigns, personal representatives, heirs, devisees, and legatees of the Assignor and the Assignee.
- 5. GOVERNING LAW. This Assignment shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the